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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 13397 -ACTION EC BRUSSELS INFO SECSTATE

DATED 25 AUG 76

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 13397

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: TRIALATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MFA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMEMBASSY TOKYO CABLE 12793 SENT TO LONDON FOR MINISTER MICHAEL SMITH (STR). WE UNDERSTAND SMITH WILL BE VISITING BRUSSELS AND ONLY TRANSITING LONDON AIRPORT AND THEREFORE SUGGEST USEC BRING THIS TO SMITH'S ATTENTION.
BEGIN TEXT.

1. JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY ADVISES THAT ITS DELEGATION TO THE TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE RE-NEWAL OF THE MFA ON SEPTEMBER 10-11 WILL BE LED BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, PROBABLY ECON COUNSELOR IKEDA, AND WILL INCLUDE TAKAHASHI AND HONOBÉ FROM MITI AND KITAJIMA /FROM MOFA GATT DIVISION. FORNMIN STATES IT HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS URGING HIGHER LEVEL PARTICIPATION FROM TOKYO BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT SPARE MIZOGUCHI OR MATSUDA BE-
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CAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

2. SECOND NO AM DIV DIRECTOR SAITO WILL JOIN BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS ONLY.

3. BOTH KURODA AND TAKAHASHI OF MITI
HAVE STRONGLY HINTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PLACE TOO MUCH
WEIGHT ON UNAVAILABILITY OF MATSUDA AND MIZOGUCHI, SINCE
MITI HAS THE FINAL WORD ON MFA RENEWAL ANYWAY. EMBASSY
HAS GIVEN NO HING AS TO WHETHER FORNMIN DECISION IS
AGREEABLE. SHOESMITH. END TEXT. UNQTE: KISSINGER

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